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SUBJECT: IAEA/NEA INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON EXPLORATION OF
URANIUM ORE DEPOSITS, MEXICO CITY, MARCH 29-APRIL
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1. DURING CONSULTATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND
FEBRUARY 16, HE REPORTED THAT MEXICO HAD REFUSED TO
ISSUE VISAS FOR TEN SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALS NOMINATED
TO ATTEND SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM. ACCORDING TO EKLUND,
HE HAD INFORMED LOCAL MEXICAN MISSION THAT, IN ACCORD
STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
DATING FROM 1968, HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO EITHER
CANCEL SYMPOSIUM OR MOVE TO ANOTHER MEMBER STATE
UNLESS VISAS ISSUED BY FEBRUARY 29. HE THEREFORE
HOPED GOM WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. FYI IAEA
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RULES CALL FOR ISSUANCE OF VISAS 30 DAYS BEFORE

MEETING. END FYI. ACCORDING TO EKLUND, MEXICAN
CHARGE DID NOT RPT NOT EXPECT GOM TO CHANGE
ITS POSITION, PARTICULARLY SINCE "SITUATION (RE
SOUTH AFRICA) HAD CHANGED SINCE 1968."

2. THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT GOM MIGHT HAVE
MEMBER OF BOARD RAISE ISSUE AT FEBRUARY 24
MEETING. IN THAT CASE, GIVEN LONG-STANDING STRONG
U.S. POSITION ON RIGHT OF MEMBER STATES TO NOMINATE
THEIR CITIZENS AND EXPECT THEM TO PARTICIPATE IF
THEY WISH IN IAEA CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA AND
CONSIDERING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO BG ADOPTION
OF CURRENT PROCEDURES IN 1968, WE INTEND TO OPPOSE
WITH MAXIMUM VIGOR ANY CHANGE OR EXCEPTION TO THESE
STANDING PROCEDURES.TAPE

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